

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

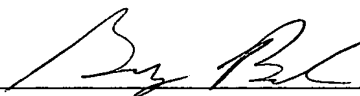
Claims 4, 12, and 17 were previously requested to be cancelled. Claims 1-3, 5-11, 13-16 and 18-22 remain pending. Claims 23 is being added. The amendments are being made to further protect various aspects of the present invention and are not for reasons related to patentability.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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